

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2420

St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church

2200 St. Luke's Lane

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1859

Private

St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church was by members of the newly-formed congregation who resided around the intersection of Windsor Mill Road and St. Luke's Lane. Through its form and materials, the stone building is representative of many rural churches constructed throughout Baltimore County in the mid-19th century. It served as the seat for the Methodist Episcopal congregation from its construction in 1859 until 1930.

St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church is a rectangular, two-bay-wide, four-bay-deep Gothic Revival style church. The two-story, solid random rubble stone building is capped by a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. A narrow raking frieze with scroll-sawn brackets ornaments the façade, or southwest elevation. The corners of the building are joined with large ashlar quoins. A metal-clad interior chimney bisects the southeast elevation of the building. The building has been extensively altered since the mid-20th century, and the façade openings have been changed from their original configuration. The façade does retain one of two original doorways with a square-edged wood surround and pointed-arch stone lintel; however, the door has been replaced by a one-light plate glass and metal door with one one-light sidelight and a two-light metal transom window. The round opening in the gable peak of the building contains a six-light rectangular sash with in-fill surrounding the sash and a round stone surround. Below the round window is a name and date stone with a stone surround. The north bay of the church has been altered, and now contains one one-light fixed vinyl window on the first story and one two-light fixed metal window on the second story. To the southeast of the church is a circa 1930 metal hand pump that rises roughly tree feet from the ground with a stretcher brick curb surrounding it.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church (preferred)

other **New Horizon Baptist Church**

2. Location

street and number 2200 St. Luke's Lane not for publication

city, town Baltimore - vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	New Horizon Baptist Church
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street and number	3513 Rockdale Court	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Baltimore	state	MD	zip code	21244
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12083 folio 662

city, town	Towson	tax map 88	tax parcel 79	tax ID number	0208900180
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	<u>X</u> religion	___	___ sites
___site		___domestic	___social	___	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	<u>1</u>	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>1</u>	___ Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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To the southeast of the church is a circa 1930 metal hand pump that rises roughly tree feet from the ground with a stretcher brick curb surrounding it.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1859-1930

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1859

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1858, John Zimmerman, who lived nearby at 7001 Windsor Mill Road, held a week-long bazaar his barn. His successful fundraising efforts resulted in a total of \$700 gained for the construction of a new church.¹ In 1930, the congregations of the St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church and nearby Woodlawn Methodist Episcopal Church merged to form St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodlawn.² Upon this merger, the stone church along St. Luke's Lane was sold to Walter C. and Florence Fleming.³

St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church lies in the First District of Baltimore County near the historic town of Powhattan, less than five miles west of Baltimore City⁴. The Second District is historically known for its fertile soil, granite quarries, and waterpower from the Patapsco Falls. In 1888, Powhattan was a small village with a population of 300. Located at the terminus of the Baltimore and Powhattan Railway, it was the home of both a Methodist and an Episcopal church separate from St. Luke's church, a public school, Powhattan Lodge No. 23, the Independent Order of Mechanics, and Asbestos Grange, No. 172, Patrons of Husbandry.⁵ Furthermore, Powhattan was the home of the Powhattan Cotton Mill, which was established in 1809.

¹ *History of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Woodlawn, 1856-1973* (Woodlawn, MD: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1973), np.

² The extant circa 1931 St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodlawn (BA-2104), is located at 2119 Gwynn Oak Avenue.

³ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁴ The town of Powhattan is historically spelled both Powhattan and Powhatan.

⁵ Thomas J. Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), 832.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Baltimore West Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1859, St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church has been associated with the 12,523 square feet known as tax parcel 79 of map 88, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's Office.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
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BA-2420
2200 ST. LUKE'S LANE
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BA-2474
2103 ST. LUKE'S LANE
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BA-2475
6830 WINDSOR MILL ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2472
1130 GWYNN OAK AVENUE
BALTIMORE
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BA-2492
1720 DOGWOOD ROAD
BALTIMORE
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BA-2466
334 DOGWOOD ROAD
BALTIMORE
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WEST CORNER, CAMERA FACING EAST



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SOUTH CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTH

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ST. LUKE'S M.E. CHURCH - 1859 - 2200 St. Lukes Lane, Woodmoor. Stone country church in Gothic style, 30 by 50 feet, Reported to have opened by B.C. Advocate, October 22, 1859. After building a larger church, the original structure was sold to Walter C. and Florence Fleming, November 25, 1931. Church continued in use as a dwelling with some features intact, including a date stone. Owner: Rowland E. Cornish and wife.